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46, Gordon Square,
Bloomsbury.

Nov. 4th

Beloved William -

I have had a line from Violet saying that her inside presents her from coming to Cambridge tomorrow. I'm afraid you'll be disappointed. However - Monday is near. I had Sylvia to lunch today & she stayed till 4-30 as I had said she would. She was nice but dull as usual & just nothing to say. Jack came this evening. He had not had your 2nd letter of course. I told

him what you told me
to say. that you had
no wish to do the thing
yourself — that T. A. & I
were going to see everything
that you did not want
to talk of it. It all comes
down to the fact that you
& he take different points
of view. This he sees &
he means to say nothing
more. He is sorry that
he ever entered into the
question at all as he knows
that it was useless.
Of course you won't alter
If you convince the Chan

but people cant expect
to do that when they're
so radically different. I
dont see that it matters
much - He says that you
have got to do the thing
& so he need say nothing
more -

Thirty has come in -
He dined with Kelly &
sat next her niece. The
one Violet talks of. He
seems to have told Reg
her the whole evening
She said "I hear you
have a beautiful sister"
He said "I have two."
She said "But the one I
mean is very clever".

He said "They're both very clever." She said "But this one is about my age." Then he had to own that it was the youngest — & his sister. I knew it must be at the beginning — but I hoped it might be left doubtful!

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My own monkey how I wish you had Sally's food as I do. Do eat up & take care of your sensitive little organism. It is very delicately made —

Your Mama

T. PARSONS 3.2.73

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to Cambridge

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Saturday.

Beloved William.

I'm afraid you won't get this tomorrow morning but I send a line on the chance - Bother the Dss keeping you up late. You don't say how late. The Quakers fellow-feeling about Jack's letter must have pleased you! We shall never agree on that point I know.

I went this morning & got a dining-room table - at least it's coming

on approval so you can
see it you like it.
I also ordered a plain
red dining room carpet.
I saw the electric light
man. But I am going to
see him again as he
had nothing much on
show today. Your sofa
has come - I hope it will
be all right. I think it
might to be comfortable.
This afternoon Mr Sully
came. Then George -
then Gerald - their first
meeting since the wedding.

George & Margaret are at
Putney so you probably
won't see them next week.
They have taken a house
in Mount St. very grand.
furnished for 4 months
& move into it on Saturday.
Gerald brought the jewels.
There are some very nice
ones - some old fashioned
& ugly - We will divide
them when you come -
there is a beautiful diamond
ring - some nice necklaces
& some chains. I should
think some would come
in very useful for you.
There are quite a lot.
I am going to lunch with
Gerald tomorrow. They're in

tramping. Just has
come home, just washed,
is as to be ready to
welcome his aunt
Virginia - which reminds
me that we also had a call
from Aunt V.! She was
quite nice & sat & talked
to me & Ruby for some time
in the dining room as she
doesn't like stairs. Cousin
Adeline is just coming back
to London so she may
settle about the portrait
soon.
This is a dull letter but
I shall see you soon.
Love
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Nov. 18th

Beloved Monkey. This is only a line, as not many hours have gone by since you left me. I went this afternoon most virtuously first to your frame-shop, where a charming young lady regaled my angel-dog with biscuit. Then to your type-writers where I found your M.S. just going to be sent here. So I brought it home (when

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Thursday

Thursday has read it I will send it on to Violet.
I have had Walter this evening & Thursday & I are going to the play - that's all my doings so far.
How my monkey do take care of yourself - & make Nadge pet you - you must eat enough - you know how important it is & I do hope you will sleep. Tell me honestly how long you sleep & I

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all your doings.

Your Maria.

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[Saturday]

Nov. 15th

Beloved Monkey -

Thoby & I went to our play last night - a most select Beaumont & Fletcher. It was very empty. But among the cultured few we spied the old Pollyanna in the stalls. & coming out we saw Sloie & Bron Herbert. She caught sight of Thoby & looked at him suspiciously but luckily did not see me. Think of my disappointment in getting a line from Sloie to say she cant come today as

She has to take her father
to the sea for a week end.
She says she hopes you
are safely landed at your
destination. She says she
will come one day next
week. I have written to
say she must come & that
I hope we shall really see
something of her this winter.
I wonder if her family
don't like her coming or
what it is. Anyhow it is
most disappointing. & I
you needn't think of me
with envy this evening.
Adrian has appeared. beg

nice & looking very spruce-
He's eating dinners tonight
Sunday & Monday.
I suppose I can't hear
from you till Monday - tell
me what arrangements have
been made for your comfort
if any - & especially how
you sleep. Don't let Madge
overpower you with the
Universe - I long to hear your
Version of that household.
Thursday. Adieu & I am going
to the new English this
afternoon & the new Gallery.
George wishes to ask us
to have tea & lunch or dinner
tomorrow - but I'm not going
though I suppose I shall
have to soon - What a

deadly household that will be (how much more charming & interesting in every way than he is - though now shorn of its chief ornament. I long to hear how the Vaughan household is conducted. Has Madge done it up nicely & have they got good things? I only remember at Clifton any extraordinary hors d'oeuvre side board arrangement carried by Katherine in her pre-Fussey days - & Morris papers. But I expect Madge has advanced since then. Take care of yourself my baby - & me mine.

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Sunday.

My William

I had no letter from you last night but I hardly could - I hope I shall hear tomorrow morning.

We went to the New Gallery yesterday - where we met Aunt Annie - Katya? Freshfield & Beatrice Paul. They thought it necessary to talk to us for some time & Aunt Annie had to invite me to luncheon which I refused - We then encountered Gladys Hunt

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& Ethel Clifford - & Thursday did.
I avoided them. I also
saw Victor Marshall but he
didn't see us. We went on
to the New English. where
there is a most beautiful
Steer - you would love it.
There are two sketches by
Sargent also. very good.
Nothing else startling.
I dined with Kitty & Ted.
Kitty full of your doings.
How lovely you were -
more so than ever. & so
much more independent
& less obey - able to hold
your own so much more.

She seemed altogether to have been much struck by you. She had had an encounter with Sargent - which I am afraid as usual may lead to nothing but to me is exciting. She caught sight of him in Harrods. I went up & asked him if she might bring me to his studio. He said that he should be delighted. but would have nothing to show till after Christmas. He seemed to know all about us she said (about your illness even - & she told him how I had tried to get allowed back at the R. A. for his teaching. So perhaps I shall get to know the great man in time. Today I have

carted the old dining room book-case which held the Cornhills into the drawing room. It does rather well in the corner between the fireplace & the window. Adrian & I were fired with the heroic idea of calling at Numps's but as he discovered that he had not a respectable coat NYPL here we were reluctantly compelled to give it up. Thursby has been tramping - & that is the whole history of our unexciting doings. I wonder every morning how you have slept, how you get on in your new surroundings. Do you get enough to eat? I am most prosperous & I wish I knew that you were. Yours V.S.

T. Parsons 8.2.73